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Sustainability Plan Subcommittee Charge

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SUSTAINABILITY PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE

The Fourth National Climate Assessment issued November, 2018 concluded that “neither global efforts to mitigate the causes of climate change nor regional efforts to adapt to the impacts currently approach the scales needed to avoid substantial damages to the U.S. economy, environment, and human health and well-being over the coming decades”¹. According to the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) “The consideration of the role of humanity in climate change and the notion of sustainable development are core concerns of society, and consequently libraries.”² In 2015 the American Library Association (ALA) adopted the first of a series of resolutions regarding the role of libraries and sustainability stating that libraries are uniquely positioned and essential to build the capacity of the communities they serve to become sustainable, resilient and regenerative³. Most recently in January, 2019 the ALA adopted an additional resolution that sustainability is a core value of librarianship⁴.

Vision Statement

The Jones Library seeks to educate all library users about the crucial role of sustainability for fostering community resilience, leading by example with sustainable practices and policies, and offering opportunities for connecting people across the wide spectrum of our citizenry.

Goals

To align the library’s core values and resources with the revised sustainability plan through choices made in all areas of the library’s facilities, operations, policy, technology, programming, partnerships, and outreach, including any additional opportunities available through the renovation/expansion project.

Objective

The subcommittee will create an updated sustainability plan applicable to the physical building of the Jones Library and the library operations and services of the Jones, Munson and North Amherst libraries. The plan will include the

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² Environment, Sustainability, and Libraries (ENSULIB) Special Interest Group of The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) <https://www.ifla.org/environment-sustainability-and-libraries>

³ [2015](#) Resolution on the Importance of Sustainable Libraries

⁴ [2019](#) Resolution on Sustainability as a Core Value of Librarianship

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solicitation of community feedback and be completed within a reasonable time frame from the date of the formation of the sub-committee, as determined by the sub-committee.

Sustainability Definition

The use and stewardship of resources today that preserves them for tomorrow through practices that are environmentally sound, economically feasible, and socially equitable.

Subcommittee Working Group

A subcommittee of the Building & Facilities Committee will be formed for a limited duration to complete the objectives outlined. The subcommittee will consist of 5 community members with knowledge and expertise in sustainability, green practices, and social equity and one member of the Building & Facilities Committee. A member of Town Energy and Climate Action Committee will be invited to participate as a liaison. Each member will be recommended by the Building Facilities Committee and appointed by the President of the Board of Trustees for the duration of this working subcommittee.

Milestones

Milestones are to be identified and further developed by the subcommittee and may include the following:

- Identify categories of opportunity for sustainability (e.g. Energy and Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Materials Management, Sustainability Leadership, Sustainability Education and Outreach)
 - Identify short term opportunities and long term goals within each category
 - Develop implementation timelines and reporting guidelines/ metrics for success in each category
 - Complete draft sustainability plan to present to Building & Facilities
 - Final sustainability plan to present to Board of Trustees
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